

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**February 3, 2004**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Forest.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Tom Murphy, a very dedicated public servant here in the City.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O’Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith and Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Tom Coughlin, 605 Old Wellington Road, Manchester stated:

I am here to speak on the Old Wellington Road property. First I would like to say that this has been quite an eye opening experience to understand the policies and procedures that are required in order to rezone. Second I just wanted to thank the City Clerk’s Office for all of their help in this endeavor. It has been a busy couple of weeks. I trust that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen received my letter dated January 27 but more importantly I hope that you have actually read it and done a little bit of research on the ordinances that I cited. To quickly recap the concerns of my letter, I feel that you are not following the established zoning ordinances or policies in place. I feel that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen place too much reliance on certain departments to guide them in the decision-making process. I feel that not enough credence and understanding is given to the current laws that are in place.

This rezoning will have a direct impact on my family, my neighbors and myself and you have not properly taken into consideration or worked with us to understand what our hardships will be. It was my understanding that there was going to be an action on Bills on Second Reading. That has not taken place. It has been three weeks since it was mandated that they work with us. The reason we have a Master Plan and City ordinance is to provide planned and orderly growth. By continuing to pass amendments and ordinances you act more like gunslingers shooting from the hip as opposed to inform City legislators. This is a precedent that impacts the whole City, not just us. If you continue to change the rules in order to fast track this development you are setting a terrible precedent. I ask that you please table the Old Wellington Road rezoning.

Thank you.

Billy Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester stated:

I have something for Aldermen Gatsas and Shea. First of all, I have to offer an apology to Alderman Gatsas. Last month I was under the assumption that the development up on Old Wellington Road was being done by another company and I asked Alderman Gatsas to refrain from voting. In doing some checking, he doesn't have any contact with Mr. Anagnost or that company so please accept my apology Mr. Gatsas. Land use – Wellington Road. The Master Plan has been thrown out the window. There seems to be two books floating around. One that shows a conditional use permit required for multi-families in the R-SM district and the current book, which somehow has a P for permitted use. Somebody needs to check and find out when that was put in. If you go back prior to 2001 of this zoning book, the old zoning book had conditional use. The original 2001 zoning book had conditional use. Somewhere along the line a P was inserted and it doesn't say when it was done. That conditional use is in there for a purpose so that the Planning Board can scrutinize how many apartments are going to go in. There is also a spot in the Master Plan under Section J...I don't have it with me but what it says under Section J, Item 7 in the Master Plan is that we have reached our outlying Residential Multi-Family capacity and there is also something in there and Alderman Gatsas if you will correct me on that last page that you have, the very bottom thing talks about not doing away with any more industrial land. It is on the bottom of the page, Sir. You are going to be voting tonight to change how an R-SM district is outlined and it is going to be spot zoning and one of the places you want to take away industrial land is on Candia Road. I watched the Bills on Second Reading meeting on this thing and there were a lot of things that were not covered that need to be covered according to the zoning and Master Plan rules and I ask that you refrain from voting on this issue tonight until it gets the proper study that it needs and the proper written report submitted back to you so that you can ask some questions. Thank you.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk